



State Department Israel Updates 10/14/23

- State Department updates:
 - Updated [travel advisory](#) and [authorized departure](#) to allow family members and select employees to choose to depart if they would like to do so—they are not ordered to depart.
 - Updated [Security Alert](#) just issued. This is an all call for Americans who want to go to the airport with Legal Permanent Resident family members.
 - Updated guidance for U.S. citizens in Gaza.
- The U.S. government is making every possible effort to open the Rafah crossing for civilians to assist U.S. citizens in Gaza. Anticipate if the crossing will open, it will open on short notice.
- Sunday, October 15, U.S. citizens should arrive at Ben Gurion Terminal 3 and look for a table with a U.S. flag where U.S. Embassy personnel will be present to provide further instructions and assistance. Chartered transportation will be to nearby safe locations, not back to the United States and you may not be able to choose your destination. Seats are on a space available basis. We encourage you to arrive early as you may need to wait for an available flight.
 - Switching from assigning flights to directing everyone to head to the airport.
- For U.S. citizens in Israel, 3 flights left today.
- Have sent out a message on a rolling basis to go to the airport. They should look for the U.S. consulate desk (with a U.S. flag) asking to go on a flight. Most flights will go to Athens.
- Individuals may have to be placed on standby. Citizens should be prepared to wait at the airport.
- The cruise ship in Haifa will be leaving on Monday for Cyprus.